

Name: _____ Block: _____

Graphic Organizer for Argumentative Essay

Reason 1

Reason 2

1st Body Paragraph: Introduction

Hook	Grab the reader's attention: Start with a great opening sentence to get the reader's attention (a quote; an outrageous, surprising, or shocking fact; a relevant statistic; or a rhetorical question).
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Summarize Issue	Explain the topic: Write a background or brief summary of the issue
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Thesis Statements	Thesis statement: A clear, strong statement of your opinion on the issue
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2nd Paragraph: Reason 1

1st paragraph of the body- Reason 1

T	Topic sentence (1st reason) w/ transition
E	Evidence
X	Explain evidence (How does the evidence you chose support your thesis?)
T	(Tie it up) Closing statement w/ transition to next paragraph

3rd Paragraph: Reason 2

2nd paragraph of the body- Reason 2

T	Topic sentence (1st reason) w/ transition
E	Evidence
X	Explain evidence (How does the evidence you chose support your thesis?)
T	(Tie it up) Closing statement

4th Body Paragraph: Counterclaim

Opposing
Side

Summarize the reasons for the other side of the argument.

Rebuttal

Use evidence from your position to show how the claim of the opposing side is not the best answer.

5th paragraph: Conclusion

Restate
Thesis

Restate your thesis from paragraph one in a new and original way. (Make sure to include a transition.)

Main Points

Summarize the first two body paragraphs. Use two or three sentences to remind your readers of your main points.

Final
Statement

Looking for an idea? Try referring to your hook, finding a quote, or inspiring your readers.